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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, we invite you to attend “A National Assessment of the Worker Protection Program – Workshop #3” to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Orlando, Florida, from July 30 through August 1. This is the third in a series of four workshops to assess the implementation and the enforcement of the agricultural worker protection program.

As many of you know, the Agency and the Foundation held the first workshop in Austin, Texas in June 2000 with representatives from states, agricultural employers, county extension services, and worker groups. With this workshop, participants began a multi-phase process to conduct a comprehensive review of the national agricultural worker protection program. Significant progress was made at the second workshop, held in Sacramento, California in December 2000, as participants continued to examine and assess the program’s training, enforcement, complaint and retaliation, and communications issues. Summaries of these workshops can be found at the EPA website www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety and at the NEETF website www.neetf.org/Health/index.shtm.

The third workshop will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to resolve issues and formulate solutions to the problems highlighted in the earlier workshops. This workshop will begin with a review session on July 30 for participants who did not attend either the Sacramento or the Austin workshops. At the remaining sessions, on July 31 and August 1, participants will work in facilitated workgroups to focus on training, enforcement, communication and the consolidation of pesticide worker safety programs. A more detailed agenda will soon be posted at the websites noted above.

We invite you to join us in Orlando for this important effort. The Hilton Hotel in the Walt Disney World Resort has reserved a block of reduced-cost rooms for our meeting. In order to receive the discounted room rate, **please make your reservation at the Hilton by June 28, 2001** and refer to the EPA/NEETF National Assessment Workshop. Also, please be sure to fill out and fax or mail the attached Registration Form and Work Group Selection Form to: Meetings Management, 5302 Harbour Court Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310, (703) 922-7780 fax.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Bretsch of NEETF at 202-261-6470 or Sara Ager of EPA at 703-305-7666. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures